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THE LAST S P E E C H, AND VOLUNTARY CONFESSION OF JAMES DUNN,

Who was executed on the Sands of Carlisle, on Saturday the 1st Day of September, 1792, for the Crime of Horse-stealing.

HE says that he was born in the King's County, in the kingdom of Ireland; that about 19 years ago, he married the sister of James Welsh, (who now calls himself James Fox) who was convicted along with him for Horse-stealing last assizes, and has now by her nine sons and a daughter. That he was confined for a debt of 43l. 14s. at the suit of James Gallough, and Thomas Fitzgerald in the Four Court Marshals of Dublin, and in the year 1791, took the benefit of the Insolvent Debtors Act, and was discharged.

About five years ago, last Christmas, he says, Welsh, alias Fox, stole from Mr Joseph Juman, Quaker, of Bellybriton, in Ireland, three fat cows, and carried them to Dublin, and sold them there: That the cousin of James Welsh, alias Fox, confessed upon his being called upon to give an account of these cattle, that he was along with him when the cattle were stolen, and immediately turned King's evidence against him; and Welsh, alias Fox, hearing of such information being given left the country.

He says, that after he was discharged from his confinement, he went home to his family, and his wife, by her endeavours, had saved about one guinea and a half, with part of which small sum he bought a parcel of pins, and other small articles, and went through the country gathering rags; that he called on his sister-in-law, at Baileyburleigh, and there found his brother-in-law, Welsh, lying in a stable (secreted) decently dressed with good clothes and boots. That Welsh addressed him, and told him he would hire him for a year, and would pay him handsomely for it; also told him, that he would get him into his old way of jobbing and dealing.

That in the year 1791, Welsh and Dunn stole two bay mares from a place called Lettelgh, in the county of Kildair, and brought them from there to Scotland, one of which was sold at Irving in Scotland, and the other exchanged with one Watson, near Carlisle, who gave thirty shillings to boot. That they soon went home, and then stole and brought from thence four other mares, which they brought also into Scotland, and sold two at Dumfries, and exchanged one at or near Stranrawer, and the other was sold to Alexander M'William, their prosecutor. After the disposal of those, they went home, and then stole two mares at Maypole, in the county of Westmeath, in the kingdom of Ireland, which they brought to Dumfries and sold. They went back again to Kilbeggin, in the county of Westmeath, and there stole two other mares, one of which was sold at Air fair last, and the other at Dumfries afore said; and that Welch sold the greatest part of these mares, and received the money for them. On the 3d night of February last, Welch and Dunn went to A. M' William's house, and Welsh entered the stable, and there stole from thence the black mare in question, and one black horse, with which they escaped till apprehended. Dunn further says, that had it not been from the different persuasions of Welsh, so as to entice this delinquent, he never, in his life before, committed any burglary, felony, or theft whatsoever, but was respected and deemed by his neighbours a very honest man; also, by Thomas Tyrrel and Shaw Carther, Esquires, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the King's county, in Ireland, who were the two magistrates who meant to apprehend Welch for stealing the three cows afore said, had he not left the country.———*This I declare to be true as a dying man.*

Signed, JAMES DUNN.

The above JAMES DUNN died in the 50th year of his age.———Since his condemnation he has behaved himself, in every respect, suitable to his unhappy situation.———He was attended by a Roman Catholic priest, in which persuasion he died.